Seghill

Urban District Council.

Annual Reports

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and the

Inspector of Nuisances

For the Year 1920.

SEGHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH for the YEAR ENDING 1921.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SEGHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1920, prefacing it by the note that Dr. P. Hodge acted as M.O.H. for the first three months of the year. I took over duty at the end of March.

The Population was given as 2049 in the 1911 census return. It is now estimated as 2010 for statistical estimation of Births and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

The births registered during 1920 were 63.15; males 27, females 36; 3 female illegitimate births. This gives a birth-rate of 31.34 per 1000 births per annum. Compared with 1914 birth-rate shows 21.9, and 1919, 25.30 per 1000 births.

DEATHS.

There were 28 deaths registered during 1920, equal to a death-rate of 13.93 per 1000 of the population. Compared with 1918 mortality 16.03 per 1000 of the estimated population.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were seven deaths of infants under one year, equal to a mortality of 111.11 per 1000 births. This mortality is spread over as follows:—January, February, March, 3 deaths; April, 2 deaths (one of a new-born child); December, 2 deaths. The mortality in 1919 was 68.18 per 1000 births.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Measles ceased to be notifiable in 1919. The diseases notified in 1920 were: Diphtheria (10), Erysipelas (1), Pneumonia (2), Tuberculosis (lungs) (5), Enteric Fever (1.)

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASE.

Diphtheria (2), Measles (1), equal to a death-rate of 1.49 per 1000 of the population. Compared with 1919, zymotic disease death-rate 2.07 per 1000 of the population; 1918, zymotic disease death-rate, 7.18 per 1000 of the population.

TOTAL DEATHS.

Measles.	Diphtheria (and Croup.)		Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		Cancer.	Rheumatic Fever.	
M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.
1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1

Organic Heart Disease.	Bronchitis.		Pneumonia (All Forms.)	Nephritis	Suicide.	Other Defined Disease.	
1	2	1	3	1	1	7	1

It is to be noted that there are no deaths from accident or injury in 1920.

HOUSING, TOWN PLANNING, Etc.

During the year 20 of the 40 houses for which plans were prepared in 1919 neared completion. The remaining 20 for which foundations have been prepared will follow in due course. This refers to the Housing Scheme of the District Council. They are very fair samples of the working-class type and compare favourably with those in adjoining districts.

The Colliery Company have raised and re-roofed seven houses, and the work is expected to continue.

WATER SUPPLY.

The West Farm, containing 10 houses, is supplied from wells The rest of the district derives its supply from the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. The water is good and the supply constant.

SEWAGE and SCAVENGING.

The water-borne sewage is treated at the bacteria filter beds. Each house has a separate privy. There are 30 privies and open ash-pits; 367 combined privy and ashpits, and 8 w.c.'s. Refuse is carted away to farm lands and waste ground.

DAIRIES.

There are four dairies in the district, which are regularly inspected.

SLAUGHTER - HOUSES.

There is one slaughter-house in the district, licensed and inspected.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

PERCIVAL HENDERSON,

L.R.C.P. M.R.C.S., Ed.

M.O.H., Seghill Urban District Council.

Seghill, April 30th, 1921.

Name of District:

Seghill U.D. Council.

Population: **2,049.**

Name of Inspector:

		Number of Inspections made	Number of Defects or Contraventions of Bye-laws found	Number of Defects, etc., outstanding from previous year	Number of informal notices by Inspector	Number of Defects or Contraventions remedied after informal notice.	Number of Statutory Notices served by Local Authority	Number of Defects or Contraventions remedied after Statutory Notice
HOUSING.	Structural Defects	37						
	Nuisances							
	Overcrowding							
	Unfit for human habitation							
	Defective Spouting	30						
	Dampness							
WATER SUPPLY.	Insufficient	1						
	Unsatisfactory	1						
DRAINAGE.	Foul							
	Untrapped or dilapidated.							
	Insufficient							
SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	Structural defects	6					6	6
	Insufficient							
	Foul							
	Dairies and Cowsheds.	4						
	Slaughter Houses	1						
	Common Lodging-houses							
	Offensive Trades							
	Bakehouses							
	Other Workshops							
	Nuisances from keeping of animals							
	Paving of Yards							
	Other Nuisances							
	Totals							

WORK EFFECTED.

- Privy Ashpits:
  - Abolished
  - Roofed Over
  - Repaired
- W.C.'s Substituted
- Ash-closets Substituted
- Drainage good
- New Drains provided
- Defective Drains relaid
- Defective Drains repaired
- New Traps provided
- Inspection Chambers provided
- Water Supply good
- Wells closed
- Piped supplies provided
- No. of Houses affected
- Disinfection, Houses disinfected 13
- Schools disinfected
- Unsound Food Seized
- Surrendered
- River Pollution Instances remedied
- S.D. Works provided
- Other Matters